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In re Patent Application of:  
Mario SPATAFORA

Confirmation No.: 3429

Patent No.: 7,225,600 (formerly U.S. Application  
No. 10/542,384 filed December 22, 2005)

Art Unit: 3721

Issued: June 5, 2007

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A HINGED-LID  
PACKET OF CIGARETTES

Examiner: John Sipos

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Dated:

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<b>Confirmation Number:</b>	3429
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Effective on 12/08/2004. Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2008</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b> Application Number: Patent#: 7,225,600 B2 Filing Date: Issued: June 5, 2007 First Named Inventor: Mario SPATAFORA Examiner Name: Sipos, John Art Unit: 3721 Attorney Docket No.: 2723-0144PUS1	
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
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**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	210	105
Multiple dependent claims	370	185

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.323**

Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch  
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Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, Patentee noted typographical errors which should be corrected.

Face Page, Item (30), Foreign Application Priority Data:

"Jan. 14, 2003 (IT) .....B0200300A000014" should read --Jan 14, 2003 (IT)  
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Face Page, Item (73), Assignee:

"G.D. Societa' per Azioni, Bologna (IT)" should read --G.D Societa' per Azioni (IT)--

The errors were found in the application as filed by applicant. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$100.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a).

The errors now sought to be corrected are inadvertent typographical errors the correction of which does not involve new matter or require reexamination.

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction effecting such amendment. Patentee respectfully solicits the granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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